



EXPLORATION AND THE COLONIAL ERA

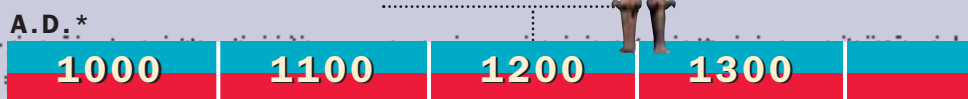
Native Americans observe the arrival of a European ship.

c. 20,000 B.C.
Asian peoples
migrate to America.

c. 1200 The Aztec
settle the valley
of Mexico.



753 B.C. Rome
is founded.



A.D. 1096
The Crusades
begin.

Early 1300s
Timbuktu becomes
a center of Islamic
learning.

* B.C. corresponds to B.C.E., or "before the common era"

A.D. corresponds to C.E., or "common era"



INTERACT WITH HISTORY

You live in the 15th century. Your society hunts freely, grows crops of great variety, and trades with nearby cultures. Now you sense that your world is about to change; the ships you see approaching are like nothing you have encountered before.

How will the arrival of a strange people change your way of life?

Examine the Issues

- How would you react to a people whose appearance and language are unlike anything you have ever known?
- What can happen when one culture imposes its values on another?



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1492 Columbus first reaches North America.

1521 The Spanish destroy the Aztec empire.

1607 Jamestown is founded.

1620 "Pilgrims" settle in Plymouth.

1681 William Penn founds Pennsylvania.

1754 French and Indian War begins.

1400

1500

1600

1700

1440 Johann Gutenberg develops his printing press.

1543 The Reformation begins in England with the Act of Supremacy.

1588 England defeats Spanish Armada.

1642 English Civil War begins between royalist forces and parliamentary forces led by Oliver Cromwell.



1763 With the Treaty of Paris, Britain acquires a vast North American empire.